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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, FR
SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF SELECTED MAAGS

REF: (A) STATE 249429 DTG 070242Z OCT 76;
(B) USCINCEUR 301325Z SEP 76 (NOTAL);
(C) PARIS 24446 DTG 231453Z AUG 76 (NOTAL).

1. SUMMARY: TRANSITION OF MAAG FRANCE TO OFFICE OF
MUTUAL DEFENSE AFFAIRS (MDA) FRANCE IS PROCEEDING WITH-
OUT PROBLEMS. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF NAME AND
REVIEW OF INSTRUCTION IN PARA 3 OF REF A WHICH APPEARS
TO PROPOSE THAT WE REFUSE CONTINUED GOF FINANCIAL SUP-
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PORT FOR MDA OFFICE. END SUMMARY.

2. TRANSITION FROM MAAG TO MDA IS PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY. WE AGREE WITH PARA 2 OF REF A THAT WE ARE NOT OBLIGED UNDER 1950 AGREEMENT FOR MUTUAL DEFENSE TO NOTIFY THE GOF FORMALLY OF THE MAAG TRANSITION. HOWEVER WE WILL PLAN PROVIDE NOTICE ALONG THE LINES OF PARA (E) OF REF A. PRIOR TO THIS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON ENDORSEMENT OF NAME FOR NEW ELEMENT, "OFFICE OF MUTUAL DEFENSE AFFAIRS" AS PROPOSED BY CINCEUR IN REF B.

3. WE ARE TROUBLED BY PARA 3 OF REF A WHICH CONTEMPLATES TERMINATION OF SUPPORT COSTS WHICH GOF NOW PROVIDES FOR MDA (ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS). THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION FROM GOF SINCE INITIAL TRANSITION NOTICE GIVEN (REF C) THAT SUCH ASSISTANCE WILL BE ELIMINATED. AS WE DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO LEGISLATIVE HISTORY, IT IS NOT CLEAR TO US THAT THE CONGRESS EXPECTED TERMINATION OF SUPPORT FROM HOST GOVERNMENT. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RATIONALE FOR STATEMENT IN REFTEL THAT "IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR . . . SECURITY ASSISTANCE PERSONNEL . . . TO ACCEPT SUCH SUPPORT . . ."

4. I SEE NO CLEAR RATIONALE FOR REJECTION OF GOF SUPPORT FOR MUTUAL DEFENSE AFFAIRS OFFICE. IN THE ABSENCE OF COMPELLING RATIONALE OR EVIDENCE OF GOF DESIRE TO TERMINATE SUPPORT, I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT WE TAKE NO ACTION TO TERMINATE SUCH SUPPORT.
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